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Congressman Bob Dole, (R-Kansas), in a letter to George P. Larrick, Food and Drug Administration Commissioner, expressed opposition to efforts being made to establish a definition and standard of identity for "whole fish flour".

Congressman Dole stated he was opposed to attempts of the commercial fishing industry to obtain the approval of such a product by the Food and Drug Administration and he would also oppose any Congressional efforts to amend the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to exempt whole fish flour from its requirements.

Dole said, "There is more involved than the natural desire to protect wheat producers and millers in Kansas and my District. "Whole fish flour" is just that. It includes grinding everything in and on the fish, such as heads, eyes, scales, fins, intestines, contents of intestines, worms and parasites. After grinding, processing and removal of the fat, the remainder is dried and this is what proponents want to sell under the label whole fish flour."

The Food and Drug Administration has informally expressed the opinion that whole fish flour should be regarded as adulterated because it would be made without the removal of those portions of the fish not normally regarded as acceptable for human food in the United States. The act brands as adulterated any article "if it consists in whole or in part of any filthy, putrid or decomposed substance, or if it is otherwise unfit for food."

Dole stated, "One proposal indicated 1 part fish heads, etc., to 31 parts of wheat flour might be used as a cheap source of protein. This is highly questionable but more important, if the gates are lowered for approval of this adulterated food, our farmers, warehousemen, and flour millers around the country have wasted a great deal of time and money in protecting the purity and safety of our food supply. If a standard of identity for "whole fish flour" was adopted, the contents of fish flour could be concealed from the consuming public. Both the Food and Drug Administration and the courts have condemned as adulterated such articles as fish containing parasitic worms, butter made from cream containing flies, rodent hair, feather parts, etc., and bread from flour containing weevil, cockroaches and other insects. It is not difficult to conclude what effect use of fish flour would have on the general economy of wheat producing areas", Dole concluded.